

REMARKS

Claims 25-30 are pending in the application.

Claims 25-30 stand rejected.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as reciting a process that is not directed to the technological arts. In response, since such § 101 rejections have been overruled by the decision in *Ex parte Lundgren* (Appeal No. 2003-2088), this rejection is traversed.

II. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Claims 25 and 28 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 22-25 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/876,090, and over claims 1-9 and 16-23 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/875,863. Claims 25-30 stand provisionally rejected over claims 1-6, 11-16 and 21-26 of U.S. Patent No. 09/876,013.

Since these provisional double patenting rejections are the only rejections remaining in the Application, and since none of these other applications have issued, the Examiner is required to allow the claims in the present Application and remove such double patenting rejections. MPEP § 804.

III. CONCLUSION

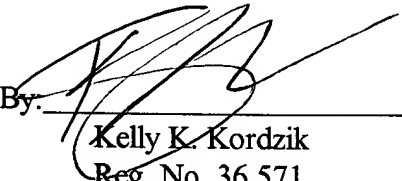
As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicants that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request an early allowance of such Claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicants' attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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